

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an information processing system for use in verifying the validity of a data storage having a first storage area in which an original version of management information is stored and a second storage area in which an encrypted version of the management information is stored, the information processing system comprises a controlling unit adapted to read the original version of the management information and the encrypted version of the management information out of the data storage to control decryption of the read encrypted version of the management information; and a comparing unit adapted to determine whether the original version of the management information and the decrypted management information are in a predetermined relationship with each other and validate the data storage when the determination is affirmative.

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